

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36
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A RESOLUTION to applaud Betty B. Cannon upon being honored at the Star Spangled Salute, and for her laudable service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is always pleased to offer commendation to those citizens who have shown themselves to possess great leadership abilities and who give freely of their time and resources for the betterment of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Betty B. Cannon is one such superlative citizen who is deserving of special recognition for her efforts as an educator and civic leader; and

WHEREAS, Betty Cannon will be one of five individuals (The "Fabulous Five") honored at the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce's Star Spangled Salute, an event that raises money to benefit the programs and services of Donelson Station Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, holding Master's Degrees in School Administration & Supervision and in Administration & Curriculum, Betty Cannon taught in Dyersburg and Nashville before becoming Principal of Andrew Jackson Elementary in Nashville in 1968, a position she held until 1990; after she left Andrew Jackson, Betty Cannon served as Elementary Director for the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System before taking a much deserved retirement in 1992; and

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WHEREAS, making valuable contributions to the youth of both today and tomorrow, Betty Cannon was responsible for several areas of curriculum development in Metro Schools, including developing an aerospace curriculum for grades K-6, and an after school gifted program for students in the Andrew Jackson Elementary School area; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cannon's professional, educational, service-related, and honorary memberships are far too numerous to be named in their entirety, but some of her most extraordinary roles have been: Past President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Middle Tennessee Elementary Principals' Study Council, Past President of the Association for Childhood Education International, Past President of the Upper Elementary Teachers' Association, member of the SACS Supervisors' Study Council, member of the Metro Schools Curriculum Advisory Council, Curriculum Consultant for other school systems in the State of Tennessee, and member of the Boards of the Tennessee Leukemia Society, Donelson/Hermitage YMCA, Middle Tennessee Mental Health Center, and Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, in addition to numerous leadership roles with Lincoya Hills Baptist Church, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Betty Cannon currently serves with distinction as the Chairperson of the Tennessee Commission of Children and Youth, and as a member of the Metro Nashville CATV Special Committee, and has served as Director of Leadership Donelson/Hermitage from 1998-2000; and

WHEREAS, Some of her various honors and awards- also too numerous to list- are: Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Business Woman of the Year, 1985; Outstanding Young Educator Award; National School of Excellence Principal; YMCA Century Club Award, 1996; Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Anna Wiggs Memorial Award, 1997; Spirit Award-Leadership Donelson-Hermitage, 1999; Hometown Hero Award- Good Neighbor Community Outreach, 2000; and the Leadership Donelson/Hermitage Vision & Faithful Service Award, 2002; and

WHEREAS, her manifold professional and personal accomplishments aside, Mrs. Cannon is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, James Russell Cannon, her children, Sherry C. Philips, Patsy C. Pappas, and Cathy C. James, and her three granddaughters and grandson; and

WHEREAS, Betty Cannon has made unparalleled advancements in education and is the epitome of the community-conscious, compassionate educator and a model Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Betty Cannon for her dedication to the Donelson-Hermitage community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Mrs. Betty B. Cannon on being honored at the Star Spangled Salute, salute her unwavering commitment to furthering education in Tennessee, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.